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SUMMARY

IN FORMAL SPEECHES AND SEPARATE PRESS CONFERENCES, PRESIDENTS BORDABERRY AND PINOCHET GAVE THEIR VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF POLITICAL ISSUES FACING THE TWO NATIONS. THEIR REMARKS UNDERScoreD THE COINCIDENCE OF VIEWS OF THE TWO PRESIDENTS ON THE NATURE OF THE EXTERNAL THREAT AGAINST BOTH COUNTRIES, AND THE NEED FOR SOME TYPE OF INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE TO REPLACE LIBERAL DEMOCRACY WHICH BOTH CONSIDER OUTMODED. THE CONVERGENCE OF VIEWPOINTS ON THESE MATTERS ALSO LED TO DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS AND BETWEEN THEIR ADVISORS ON THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT BEST SUITED TO THEIR NATIONS.

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END SUMMARY.

2. AS IN THE PAST, BORDABERRY ELOQUENTLY STATED HIS GENERAL VIEWS ON THE CAUSES OF THE BREAKDOWN OF POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS IN URUGUAY AND THE POSSIBLE REMEDIES. BORDABERRY REITERATED HIS CONVICTION THAT IN URUGUAY "FORMAL" DEMOCRACY HAD BEEN CONFUSED WITH TRUE DEMOCRACY. THIS LET TO THE GRADUAL EROSION OF THE CONCEPT, WEAKENED

INSTITUTIONS AND LED TO THE DISPERSAL OF POWER. POLITICAL SECTORS AND COMMUNIST POLITIZED LABOR UNIONS IN TURN FOUGHT FOR THE REMANTS OF POWER. "THE MECHANISMS OF FORMAL DEMOCRACY WERE PRECISELY THOSE WHICH FACILITATED THE SLOW CONQUEST OF THE PUBLIC POWER AND DECOMPOSITION OF SOCIETY WHICH WAS BECOMING LESS AND LESS FREE." BUT DEMOCRACY, ACCORDING TO BORDABERRY, DEMANDS A FREE SOCIETY IN WHICH NEITHER THE STATE NOR SOCIAL GROUPS DENY THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS OF FREEDOM, LABOR, AND PROPERTY. "THE STATE", HE ADDED, "EXISTS IN A DEMOCRACY IN ORDER TO SERVE THE COMMON GOMV, PSWC: ORDER, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND IT MUST ONLY IMPOSE THESE WITH THE CONSENT OF A FREE AND CREATIVE PEOPLE."

4. IN REFERENCE TO THE THREAT OF INTERNATIONAL MARXISM, BORDABERRY SAID:

A. "I THINK THAT IF OUR CONFRONTATION WITH THE MARXIST PHILOSOPHY RESTS SOLELY ON THE MATERIAL CONDITIONS OF MAN, WE WILL NEVER DEFEAT THAT PHILOSOPHY. THAT IS NOT BECAUSE THAT PHILOSOPHY IS IN A BETTER POSITION TO PROVIDE THOSE NEEDS, BUT BECAUSE MAN WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO REACH HIS FULL POTENTIAL SOLELY THROUGH MATERIAL SATISFACTIONS; AND, THEREFORE, WE CAN NEVER SUCCEED IN COMBATTING THOSE WHO PROCLAIM THE POSSIBILITY OF A UTOPIAN SOCIETY BASED ON MATERIALISM. IF WE TRY, WE LEND OURSELVES TO THEIR OBJECTIVES. THE DOUBLE-CROSS OF MARXISM IN THE WORLD MUST MAKE US MEDITATE. THEY STIMULATE MATERIAL ASPIRATIONS WHERE THESE HAVE NOT BEEN MET, AND THEY MINE THE NATURAL DISSATISFACTION OF MAN WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN MET."

B. "SIMPLE MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT OF A PEOPLE IS NOT ENOUGH TO CONFRONT MARXISM. NEITHER IS VISCERAL ANTI-COMMUNISM-
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THAT WHICH ONLY SUCCEEDS IN BLIND OPPOSITION AND NEEDS MARXISM IN ORDER TO EXIST."

5. IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, BORDABERRY EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT TRADITIONAL DEMOCRATIC FORMS OF GOVERNMENT WOULD SUFFICE IN THE FACE OF THE THREAT OF INTERNATIONAL MARXISM. HE SAID THAT THE SYSTEM HAD TO BE REVIEWED IN THE FACE OF WHAT HE TERMED, "THE THIRD WORLD WAR", AN UNDECLARED WAR IN

WHICH MILLIONS OF PEOPLE DIE AS INTERNATIONAL MARXISM USES OTHER MEANS THAN ALL-OUT WAR TO ACHIEVE ITS ENDS. DETENTE ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARXIST MOVEMENT IN THAT IT INSURES SECURITY TO MARXIST COUNTRIES; THEY DO NOT HAVE TO SUFFER REPRISALS. FINALLY, THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES, BORDABERRY BELIEVES, ARE INFILTRATED BY MARXISTS WHO USE THESE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR OWN ENDS.

6. PRESIDENT BORDABERRY'S PESSIMISTIC VIEW OF THE WORLD POLITICAL SCENE VIS-A-VIS THE ADVANCE OF COMMUNISM WAS ECHOED IN MUCH STRONGER TERMS BY PRESIDENT PINOCHET. THE CHILEAN PRESIDENT ALSO HAD SOME INTERESTING WORDS TO SAY WITH REGARDS TO THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT BEING CONSIDERED BY URUGUAY.

7. PINOCHET SEEMED TO AGREE WITH BORDABERRY'S THIRD WORLD WAR CONCEPT AND SAID THAT "THE WORLD FINDS ITSELF IN A NEW TYPE OF WAR WHICH DOES NOT RESPOND TO THE CLASSICAL AND CONVENTIONAL MOLD. WE NO LONGER SPEAK OF A TERRITORIAL INVASION BUT OF A FOREIGN PENETRATION MORE SUBTLE AND VENOMOUS."

8. PINOCHET SAID "TO BE AND TO RECOGNIZE ONESELF AS AN ANTI-COMMUNIST IS NOT SOMETHING NEGATIVE AS SOME SUPERFICIAL MINDS WOULD MAINTAIN. IT IS COMPLETELY THE OPPOSITE. IT IS COMMUNISM WHICH REFUTES THE FUNDAMENTAL VALUES OF MAN AND SOCIETY....."LATER, HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN THE FIELDS OF ECONOMICS OR POWER ALONG WHERE THE FINAL BATTLE BETWEEN COMMUNISM AND FREEDOM WILL BE FOUGHT BUT IN THE FIELDS OF INTELLIGENCE AND SPIRIT. PINOCHET SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS SEEKING INSTITUTIONS

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"CAPABLE OF COMBINING ADVANCED FORMULAS OF SOCIAL PARTICIPATION WITH JUDICIAL MECHANISMS WHICH WOULD DO AWAY WITH DEMAGOGUERY AND FAVOR THE SELECTION OF THE FITTEST FOR GOVERNMENT. THERE IS ALSO THE NEED "TO HARMONIZE SUFFICIENT INDIVIDUAL GUARANTEES AND SOCIAL RIGHTS WITH EFFICIENT PROTECTION OF PUBLIC ORDER AND NATIONAL SECURITY, AND AVOIDING LABOR ANARCHY THAT DAMAGES THE NATIONAL ECONOMY ..." AND FINALLY IT IS NECESSARY TO DEVELOP A FRAMEWORK OF IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM WHICH MAKES TOTALITARIAN PENETRATION IMPOSSIBLE, WHILE PROVIDING FOR THE LEGITIMATE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN.

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9. UNEXPECTEDLY, PINOCHET SAID IN A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM WITH BORDABERRY (NOTE: THIS DISCUSSION WAS REPORTEDLY CONTINUED ON BORDABERRY'S ESTANCIA APRIL 24-25 WHERE THE TWO MET PRIVATELY. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT BORDABERRY'S PRIVATE SECRETARY AND ADVISOR, PECHeco SERE, MET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHILEAN CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM COMMISSION, ENRIQUE ORTUZAR ESCOBAR, AND WITH DR. JAIME GUZMAN, GOC ADVISOR.) PINOCHET SAID THAT HE AND BORDABERRY AGREED ON A NUMBER OF THINGS, SPECIFICALLY, THEY AGREED THAT TRADITIONAL DEMOCRACY WAS NO LONGER APPROPRIATE IN THE LIGHT OF THE MARXIST THREAT, AND A NEW "DEMOCRACY WITH AUTHORITY, A DEMOCRACY WHERE THE GOVERNMENT IS AUTHORITARIAN" IS NEEDED. "WE HAVE ALSO AGREED ON THE NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING THE SEPARATION OF POWERS: THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES." THE TWO ALSO POSSIBLY AGREED, ACCORDING TO PINOCHET, THAT THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD BE UNICAMERAL. HE ADDED THAT WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS, THE TWO PRESIDENTS THOUGHT THAT THE UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE WOULD, "HAVE ONE SECTOR WHICH IS THERE IN ITS OWN RIGHT, WITHOUT BEING ELECTED, AND ANOTHER WHICH WOULD BE ELECTED."

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10. OAS. BORDABERRY EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH THE RENEWED INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES IN LATIN AMERICA AND IN THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. HE ALSO INDICATED HIS DESIRE THAT THE "PATH OF DIALOGUE WITHOUT PROTOCOL" BE TAKEN AGAIN AND THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO REVITALIZE THE OAS.

11. OASGA. QUESTIONED ABOUT WHETHER HE HAD ANYTHING SPECIAL TO SAY TO OR ASK OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, PINOCHET REPLIED (IN A CUTTING MANNER, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS), "I HAVE MANY THINGS TO TELL HIM; NOTHING TO ASK OF HIM." PINOCHET WAS THEN ASKED, WHETHER IN THE ABSENCE OF AN AREA-WIDE MEETING OF THE CHIEFS OF STATE, CHILE ALONE, OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH URUGUAY, WOULD PRESENT TO THE OAS A STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO CUBA AND/OR MARXIST INFILTRATION IN THE SOUTHERN CONE. PINOCHET REPLIED THAT AT THE OUTSET OF THE INTERVIEW HE HAD STATED THAT EACH COUNTRY WAS FREE TO DO WHAT BEST SUITED IT. HE ADDED, "AT THIS MOMENT WE HAVE NO JOINT STRATEGY; (OUR) POSSIBLE CONVERGENCE OF IDEAS MIGHT PERMIT THE ADOPTION OF SOME MEASURES TO REPEL ANY AGGRESSION OF THAT TYPE. BUT FOR THE MOMENT THERE ARE NO JOINT ACTIONS; EACH ONE WILL ADOPT THE POSITION HE WANTS."

12. CHILEAN VIEWS OF URUGUAY. IN A STATEMENT AT THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, PINOCHET SAID, "WE VIEW WITH DEEP ADMIRATION AND RESPECT THE MANNER IN WHICH URUGUAY ELEVATES ITS OWN DESTINY AND WE THINK THAT BY HAVING EACH OF OUR NATIONS FOLLOWING THE ROUTE ADVISABLE FOR IT IN UNLIMITED EXERCISE OF ITS OWN SOVEREIGNTY, CHILE AND URUGUAY WILL FIND A COMMUNITY OF PURPOSE DAY BY DAY MORE CLOSE."

13. DETENTE. BORDABERRY SAID, "DETENTE AS PRACTICED UP TO NOW SERVES THE GREAT POWERS AND IT SERVES ALL OF US IN THE SENSE THAT IT MAKES US ALL SAFE FROM A NUCLEAR CONFLAGRATION. IN THAT, WE ARE ALL BENEFICIARIES OF DETENTE BUT IT DOES NOT SAVE THE COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT FORM PART OF THE NUCLEUS OF GREAT POWERS FROM INTERVENTION AND IDEOLOGICAL INFILTRATION OF MARXISM. IT IS MORE; I BELIEVE, THAT FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW IT (DETENTE) HAS BEEN TOTALLY BENEFICIAL TO COMMUNISM BECAUSE IT HAS GIVEN IT UNCLASSIFIED

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(COMMUNISM) A FORM OF SUPPORT, FROM THE SECURITY THAT IT IS NOT GOING TO SUFFER REPRISAL FOR ITS ADVANCES IN DIFFERENT FRONTS. THUS, MARXISM CONTINUES ADVANCING ON OTHER FRONTS BY CONVENTIONAL METHODS. THAT POLICY, THEN, FOR COUNTRIES LIKE OURS, IS NOT IN ANY WAY FAVORABLE

BECAUSE GOOD FAITH CANNOT BE EXPECTED FROM COMMUNISM."

14. ANALYSIS OF THIS AND PREVIOUS CABLES FOLLOWS.

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